

of relief consisting at least partly of discrete protrusions facing toward the inside of the structure, and said product having at least one unembossed ply, characterized in that the embossed ply has, over at least a portion of its area, at least 30 protrusions per  $\text{cm}^2$ , the area at the top of each protrusion being less than  $1 \text{ mm}^2$ , the embossed ply and the unembossed ply having at least one of different grammages and different fiber compositions.

11. (Twice Amended) The product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plies are joined to one another.

15. (New) The product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the area to the top of said protrusions of the unembossed ply are less than 0.7 mm.

~~51 B2 16. (New) The product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the embossed ply is made of a creped material.~~

#### Remarks

In response to the Office Action of July 17, 2002, the period of response has been extended by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time.

In the Office Action, the claim to priority was only partially acknowledged because it was said that the copy of the priority document had not been filed. In response, the attention of the Examiner is called to the fact that this is a national phase of a PCT application, in which the priority document has been sent to WIPO, and forwarded to the elected offices with the file, and therefore, the claim for priority has been completed. If this has not been done for some reason in this application, the Examiner is requested to confirm this in the next correspondence, so the Applicant can take appropriate action.

The Abstract was objected to and the Abstract has now been amended to delete the second paragraph containing the reference to Figure 1.

In the Office Action, a rejection was made because it was said that there is no indication in the examples that the